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- ☒ Enclosed are copies of the following copending U.S. Patent Applications:
- U.S. Patent Application Serial No. **09/906,661**, filed July 18, 2001, entitled "A Process for Discriminating Between Biological States Based on Hidden Patterns from Biological Data" (Attorney Docket No. CORR-002/04US);
- U.S. Patent Application Serial No. **10/628,135**, filed July 28, 2003, entitled "Quality Assurance for High-Throughput Bioassay Methods" (Attorney Docket No. CORR-003/01US);
- U.S. Patent Application Serial No. **10/628,137**, filed July 28, 2003, entitled "Quality Assurance/Quality Control for High Throughput Bioassay Process" (Attorney Docket No. CORR-004/01US); and
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